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House Resolution 29

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## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Expressing support for the nation of Israel in its defense against terrorism in the Gaza Strip;
- 2 and for other purposes.
- 3 WHEREAS, hundreds of innocent Israeli and Palestinian civilians in the Gaza Strip have
- 4 been tragically taken due to the recent escalation of violence initiated by Palestinian terrorist
- 5 organizations; and
- 6 WHEREAS, the Hamas terror organization, which calls for the destruction of the State of
- 7 Israel, along with Palestinian terrorists of the Islamic Jihad have recently fired upon civilian
- 8 targets in Southern Israel, ending a six-month period of cease fire; and
- 9 WHEREAS, these latest attacks on Israel took place only days after resolution 1850, which
- 10 encouraged peace between Israelis and Palestinians, was adopted by the United Nations
- 11 Security Council; and
- 12 WHEREAS, despite these threats to their own existence, the people of Israel continue to
- demonstrate their deep respect for human rights and lives and their desire to minimize
- 14 needless human suffering with their decision to coordinate efforts with Arab countries to
- 15 allow humanitarian support from international aid organizations to enter the Gaza Strip; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Israel's current military actions are necessary to defend against the
- 17 indiscriminate and horrific terrorism which threatens the nation's citizens and sovereignty;
- 18 and
- 19 WHEREAS, the Georgia House of Representatives remains united on its continued support
- 20 of the nation of Israel and the defense of its people from terroristic attacks and urges all Arab
- 21 states to declare their opposition to terrorism and take steps to pursue peace in the Middle
- 22 East.

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 $23 \quad NOW, THEREFORE, BE\,IT\,RESOLVED\,BY\,THE\,HOUSE\,OF\,REPRESENTATIVES\,that$ 

24 the members of this body do express their complete support for the nation of Israel in its

25 current battle against terrorism.